

"And when He had made a scourge of small cords, He drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;—St John 2:15.

The Toll Scheme More Impractical Than First Survey Showed

The more the officials of the Park Service try to explain their plan for inaugurating the toll system on the Blue Ridge Parkway, the more impractical the plan becomes.

We seriously doubt if ten cents of every dollar collected for toll would reach the U. S. Treasury, due to the high cost of administering the toll charges. With such a small "pittance" of so-called "profit" reaching the national general treasury, there could not be much expected to be appropriated for Parkway maintenance.

Sam Weems, superintendent of the Parkway, told a group of officials the other day that the Parkway is met by 25 U. S. Highways and has over 600 entrances of one kind or another.

Weems told the group that he planned 20 fee collecting stations, and the hiring of 30 new employees — mark that — 30 new employees.

One state official attending the meeting, said: "Weems seems very much at a loss on how the operation can be executed without repeatedly retarding the normal flow of travel and causing traffic jams, particularly on weekends."

In a telegram to Senator Sam J. Ervin, the chairman of the State Advertising Committee, Hugh Morton, said, in part:

"Due to the elongated nature of the Parkway, the collection of fees presents an entirely different problem than easily handled areas where lesser number of entrances exist. I can say with certainty, that the public will be exasperated to the exploding point by being required continuously to stop for ticket checks.

"Out-of-state tourists traveling full length of the Parkway will lose patience and will discourage both new and repeat business such as we strive for.

"The administrative costs for collecting fees over the far-flung Parkway will make it the most expensive money ever to reach the federal treasury. Though the thought of obtaining more money for the Parkway is wholesome, this means is not the answer and would seriously hamper flow of traffic over most used tourist entrances to the mountain region of North Carolina.

"This scheme is wholly impractical." Chairman Morton expressed our sentiments on several points, and we feel he is entirely correct that the fees collected would be the most expensive money ever to reach the federal treasury.

And, too, we agree, that the scheme is impractical, and will react on the Parkway in more ways than those officials who favor the fee system can now comprehend.

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Pink, Blue Or Gray?

Pink for little girls... blue for little boys. Those are the colors a mother usually chooses for her baby's clothes.

But in homes and hospitals across our land, there are babies "clad" in gray. They are in an iron lung — mere infants whose limbs can neither kick nor crawl. They are the small unfortunates who have been stricken with respiratory paralysis.

Because polio strikes more often at the young, there are mothers throughout America who join hands with all others every January to fight this terrible disease through the means of the March of Dimes.

The disease is no respecter of person — nor age — according to the records of the Orthopedic Home at Asheville, where polio patients from this area are treated. They have had patients there a month old, and others even 49 years of age.

The time is here when all of us have an obligation to fulfill in helping fight this dreaded menace — and in giving a helping hand to those who have been unfortunate enough to have polio.

Leaving North Carolina

In the movement of people into and out of North Carolina, the State suffered a net loss in population in the decade just behind three times as great as that in any other decade in the history of the State.

This is the most serious information. In a comment on a study of this situation the editor of the University of North Carolina News Letter says: "It probably cost nearly four billion dollars to raise these people. And in addition we will lose the billions of income they would have made in North Carolina had they found suitable employment and stayed at home."

Why did 261,199 more people leave North Carolina than came to it in the decade? The answer to that question is important as it involves more people than the population of the State's largest city. Why did they leave?

The answer is not simple but the simple fact enters into it that they left because there seemed to be greater opportunity elsewhere. It is more disturbing to have to say that they were right.

Recent figures have shown that those North Carolinians who remain in the State receive lower per capita income than people in any other state save four. Furthermore in recent years industrial workers in this State have received the lowest average wages in America.

Improving that situation for people which impels so many of them to leave will not be simple. One first simple step, however, would be the enactment of minimum wage legislation which already has the approval of the Governor and deserves approval by the General Assembly.

—Raleigh News and Observer.

Sanford Experiment

A safety measure being taken at Sanford to promote traffic safety when a fire occurs may be one that can be followed in other North Carolina communities.

Sanford is installing an electrical system that will make every light in the city turned and remain red for three minutes when a fire alarm sounds.

The system doubtless will disconcert some motorists who like to chase fire trucks, but most Sanford citizens will accept it on its face value—that of reducing accidents when a fire truck is hurrying to a fire.

—Raleigh News and Observer.

Another first with the Waynesville High School Music Department this week, as four members participate in the all-state orchestra. In March the entire 50-piece orchestra will go to New Orleans to give a special concert.

CHINA DOORKNOB



Looking Back Through The Years

20 YEARS AGO Haywood County plans President's Birthday Ball with Dr. A. P. Cline and Billy Prevost in charge. H. C. Wilburn attends conference on the Park Museum. Mrs. Ernest Hyatt and Mrs. Dan Watkins give contract party at the home of the former. Clyde Ray, Jr. and a party of friends motor to Asheville.

10 YEARS AGO Glenn Palmer is a member of 19 committees in the House of Representatives. Farmers Federation receives 93 applications for frozen food lockers. Lt. and Mrs. James Kilpatrick, Jr. and small daughter arrive in town. Lt. Kilpatrick is en route to an assignment in the Pacific.

5 YEARS AGO Town of Waynesville sells large tract of watershed timber for \$30,756. Polio Ball will be sponsored by the Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Mrs. Robert Brees and Miss Helen Ray go to Jacksonville, Fla. of visit Mr. and Mrs. William Clark. Donald Rhea is placed on merit list at Georgia Military College.

Highland Flings

By Bob Conway

Larry Cagle, Clyde merchant, recently had an unexpected meeting with a former shipmate in the 15th Naval Construction Battalion (Seabees) — Will Strange of Philadelphia.

However, the reunion was not quite as pleasant as it could have been because the Pennsylvanian was facing Mr. Cagle—who is also judge at Clyde—on a charge of speeding on the new super-highway.

Despite the fact that the two served together in the Pacific, the law is the law, so Larry was forced to do his duty.

\*The fine: \$18.

Quite a card is Eleanor M. Culliffe of New Canaan, Conn., who wrote a girl friend in Waynesville recently and suggested two ways to open the envelope—thusly:

- 1. "To open, insert toe and wiggle vigorously."
- 2. "To open, chew along dotted line."

The following "Fisherman's Prayer" is featured on the back cover of the latest issue of "North Carolina Wildlife":

"God grant that I may live. To fish until my dying day.

And when it comes to my last cast, I then most humbly pray,

When in the Lord's safe landing net, I'm peacefully asleep,

That in His mercy I be judged, As good enough to keep."

The Waynesville Church of God recently sponsored a different kind of church dinner. For only 75 cents, members of the congregation delivered a chicken dinner to any home or business place in town.

Most traffic accidents result these days from a combination of too much horsepower and not enough horse sense.

I'm looney over Rosemary Clooney."

A lot of people won't agree, but our nomination for the most enjoyable picture of 1954 is "Brigadoon". The only thing wrong with the film version was the omission of one song—"Come To Me. Bend To Me" from the original Broadway musical.

While we're on musicals, we might mention that "White Christ-

mas" with Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye is another sparkler. Don't miss this colorful picture when it comes here.

Watch out when a woman driver signals for a left turn. She might actually make one.

Pvt. Crawford Arrives In Germany With Army

9TH DIV., GERMANY — Army Pvt. Dewain F. Crawford, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Crawford, Route 3, Waynesville, recently arrived in Germany for duty with the 9th Infantry Division.

As part of the U. S. Seventh Army, the 9th Division conducts rigorous training exercises, including realistic maneuvers and field problems, in southern Germany.

Private Crawford, a combat engineer, entered the Army in July 1954 and completed basic training at Fort Bliss, Tex. He was last stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Pvt. Gentry Completes Special Work In Alaska

LADD AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska—Pvt. Robert L. Gentry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gentry, Route 4, Waynesville, recently was graduated from the Army's 4th Regi-

Letter To Editor

Editor, The Mountaineer:

Are you a Christian? If not, it is time you wake up because another H-Bomb test is scheduled to take place this year. Did you know that when an H-Bomb is placed inside a shell of cobalt with tappings of gold and platinum, that it means the end of all living things on the face of the Earth?

This type of bomb is now in the making, almost complete. Cobalt is a poison, deadly... the H-Bomb is transportation for the cobalt around the Earth, which spells death to all living things.

This is not a scare notice, but that you might get right with God before it happens, which will be in the year of 1955.

Eight years ago, one of our greatest scientists of the atomic bomb said that a more powerful bomb would be tested by 1956, which will be the cobalt bomb and in the year of 1955.

Don't laugh at this notice because it is true. Read Isaiah 14: 12-15; Ezekiel 28: 12-17; Luke 10: 8, and Ezekiel 28: 14.

Prayer alone can ward off the bomb.

Respectfully, Frank J. Maney.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

